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In the application of:

Daniel JACOBS et al.

Serial No.: 09/816,641

Filing Date: March 22, 2001

For: MULTI-POINT TISSUE TENSION
DISTRIBUTION DEVICE, A
COMBINED ORBITAL RIM REPAIR
AND SUSPENSION VARIATION, AND
A METHOD OF TISSUE
APPROXIMATION USING THE
DEVICE

Examiner: K. Truong

Group Art Unit: 3731

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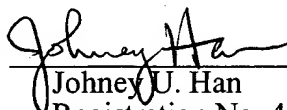
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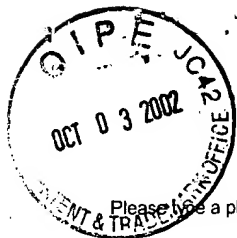
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